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SUBJECT: SHABA AFRICAN FORCE

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER AKE PHONE AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF IVORIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSPORTED TO ZAIRE. AKE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE 110, REPEAT, 110 PERSONNEL (RATHER THAN 105, REPEAT, 105 HE SPECIFIED YESTERDAY), (THE CO OF THE UNIT WILL BE LTCOL ATIN ORIA, A MEDICAL DOCTOR). EACH MEMBER OF TEAM WOULD CARRY ONE PISTOL

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AND ENOUGH FOODSTUFF TO LAST THEM AT LEAST TEN DAYS. TEAM WOULD ALSO CARRY WITH THEM TWO TENTS (SIZE UNKNOWN) AND THIRTY TONS, REPEAT, THIRTY TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT MEDICAL TEAM AND EQUIPMENT WERE STILL EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR PICKUP TUESDAY JUNE 6.

3. COMMENT: THE DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE WHOSE INFORMATION IS LESS CURRENT THAN INFORMATION BEING SUPPLIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR. WE WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH FRENCH EMBASSY TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE COORDINATION. ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER CONTINUES TO BE CONFIDENT THAT IVORIAN MEDICAL CONTINGENT WILL BE READY FOR EMBARKATION BY JUNE 6, WE BELIEVE -- AND FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE AGREES -- THAT THIS ESTIMATE MAY BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. WE SHALL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED ON THIS POINT AND WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON WEIGHT AND VOLUME OF CARGO TO BE TRANSPORTED.

4. MEANWHILE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO BE ABLE TO INFORM IVORIANS WHEN U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE.
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